

Department of Children and Family Services

Calendar Year 2011 Summary Report



Exit Outcomes for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care



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Total Number of Individually Exiting Youth Reported in 2011 by Office

Exiting Youth Reported by Office for 2011						
SPA	OFFICE NAME	Retrieved from Exit Outcome for Youth Report				
		Cases Closed	Jurisdiction Termination	Reported on SOC-405E	Total Youth Emancipated	Reporting Rate
1	Lancaster	29	9	21	59	35%
	Palmdale	17	24	19	60	31%
2	*S F Valley	30	25	0	55	0%
	West S F Valley	5	1	6	12	50%
	Santa Clarita	13	7	25	45	55%
3	Asian Pac/ Am Indian	10	3	5	18	28%
	Glendora	57	12	49	118	41%
	Pomona	0	1	57	58	98%
	El Monte	2	1	11	14	78%
	Pasadena	16	12	44	72	61%
4	Metro North	11	10	16	37	43%
5	West LA	10	4	13	27	48%
6	Compton	6	25	22	53	41%
	Wateridge	32	32	23	87	26%
	Vermont Corridor	33	23	46	102	45%
7	Belvedere	19	8	43	70	61%
	S F Springs	19	29	8	56	14%
8	Torrance	29	1	54	84	64%
	*South County/ Lakewood	0	0	0	0	0%
Deaf Unit	Deaf Unit	4	3	3	10	30%
MP Unit	Med. Case Mgmt. Services	7	7	23	37	62%
TOTAL YOUTH REPORTED		349	237	#499	1074	46%
<p>The South County/Torrance and San Fernando Valley Offices did not report having any Exiting Youth in 2011.</p> <p>*According to Youth Development Services Report data retrieved from CWS/CMS, <u>South County/Torrance had 87</u> and <u>San Fernando had 76</u> total youth emancipated for 2011.</p> <p># Includes youth from Adoptions and Family First Units.</p>						

Part B. Educational Attainment and Enrollment

In terms of Educational Attainment and Enrollment, youth exiting Foster Care exhibited both positive signs and areas where improvement is needed when compared to Los Angeles County youth as a whole.

Part-B. Educational Attainment and Enrollment													
Reporting Quarter	Exiting Youth	Received High School Diploma		Enrolled in Continuing Education for GED, HS Diploma		Dropped out of HS		Enrolled in College					
								2yr		4yr		Total	
1 st	281	136	48%	42	15%	33	12%	63	22%	22	8%	85	30%
2 nd	94	34	36%	31	33%	8	9%	17	18%	5	5%	22	23%
3 rd	71	39	55%	18	25%	8	11%	20	28%	6	8%	26	37%
4 th	53	34	64%	6	11%	8	15%	15	28%	9	17%	24	45%
Totals For 2011	499	243	49%	97	19%	57	11%	115	23%	42	8%	157	31%

- Eleven percent (11%) of Exiting Foster Youth dropped out of High School, compared to a High School drop out rate of 20.6% for the County of Los Angeles.²
- Only 82 youth or 16% reported as being enrolled in a vocational or on-the-job training program. Fifty-eight percent (58%) demonstrated a vocational or educational interest beyond High School.
- Forty-nine percent (49%) of youth exiting Foster Care reported having received their High School Diploma, a drop of 6% since 2010 (55%), compared to seventy-seven percent (77%) of all the High School students in Los Angeles County.³
- Thirty-one percent (31%) of Exiting Youth reported being enrolled in a 2 or 4 year college, a drop of 10% from 2010 (41%).

² California Department of Education, DataQuest Report 2010.

³ California Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) 2010.

Part C. Means of Financial Support

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2011 Quarter	Exitin g Youth	Obtained Employment		No financial Informa-tion is known		Applied for/or Receiving Public Assistance									
						SSI		CalWORKs		General Assistance/ Relief		Food Stamps		TOTALS All Public Assistance	
1 st	281	113	40%	35	12%	45	16%	16	6%	9	3%	19	7%	89	32%
2 nd	94	21	22%	15	16%	22	23%	5	5%	6	6%	4	4%	37	39%
3 rd	71	30	42%	7	10%	2	3%	4	6%	4	6%	5	7%	15	21%
4 th	53	15	28%	4	8%	3	6%	3	6%	3	6%	3	6%	12	23%
2011 Totals	499	179	36%	61	12%	72	14%	28	6%	22	4%	31	6%	153	31%

- Only 179 or 36% of the youth reported having obtained employment which translates to an unemployment rate of 63% compared to 32% youth for unemployment rate statewide.⁴
- Thirty-one percent (31%) reported relying on public assistance for support.
- Only 6% applied for or rely on **CalWORKs for support.

**These youth have the opportunity to participate in GAIN, a welfare-to-work program which includes transportation allowance, subsidized childcare as well as paid educational and vocational training services.

Part-C. Means of Financial Support (cont.)

2011 Quarter	Exiting Youth	Receiving-Applied: Chafee Ed. and Training Voucher		Receiving-Applied: Educational Scholarship-Financial Aid		Receiving-Applied: Temp. Fin. Asst. (ILP, Emancipated Youth...)		Families are or will contribute to their support	
1 st	281	69	25%	86	31 %	21	7%	36	13%
2 nd	94	15	16%	22	23%	6	6%	12	13%
3 rd	71	30	42%	38	54%	20	28%	10	14%
4 th	53	24	45%	30	57%	6	11%	6	11%
2011 Totals	499	138	28%	176	35%	53	11%	64	13%

- Sixty-three percent (63%) of youth are receiving or have applied for: 1) Financial aid/educational scholarship or 2) An educational/training voucher.
- Thirteen percent (13%) reported that their families are or will be contributing to their financial support.

⁴ Employment Development Department, "California Labor Market Review." August 2011.

Part D. Housing Arrangement

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2011 Quarter	Whereabouts are known during report period	Arranged to rent or live free with birth parent		Arranged to rent or live rent free with current caregiver		Arranged to rent or live rent free with someone else.		Arranged to live in a college dorm the next semester or quarter	
1 st	248	19	8%	71	29%	70	28%	13	5%
2 nd	81	8	10%	29	36%	16	20%	2	2%
3 rd	69	6	9%	23	33%	20	29%	5	7%
4 th	51	3	6%	17	33%	10	20%	9	18%
2011 Totals	449	36	8%	140	31%	116	26%	29	6%

- Total youth incarcerated or institutionalized for 2011 is 6.
- Thirty-one percent (31%) arranged to rent or live rent free with current caregiver.
- Only eight percent (8%) rent or live free with birth parents.

Notes:

Over 70% of all California State Penitentiary inmates have spent time in the foster care system according to the Select Committee Hearing, California Legislature; Voices Report, 2010.

Former foster children have overtaken war veterans as the single largest population in California's homeless shelters. Report on Foster Care Youth Children's Advocacy Institute, 2011.

Part E. Health Care Insurance

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2011 Quarter	Exiting Youth	Have Medi-Cal or another form of Health Ins.		Applied for Extended Medi-Cal		No information is known about their health insurance	
1 st	281	156	56%	69	25%	32	11%
2 nd	94	53	56%	22	23%	19	20%
3 rd	71	43	61%	19	27%	10	14%
4 th	53	26	49%	26	49%	2	4%
2011 Totals	499	278	56%	136	27%	63	13%

Although 56% report having Medi-Cal or being insured, many youth will lose their Medi-Cal eligibility once they reach the age of 21 (Department of Public Social Services).

Reporting Improvements and Next Steps:

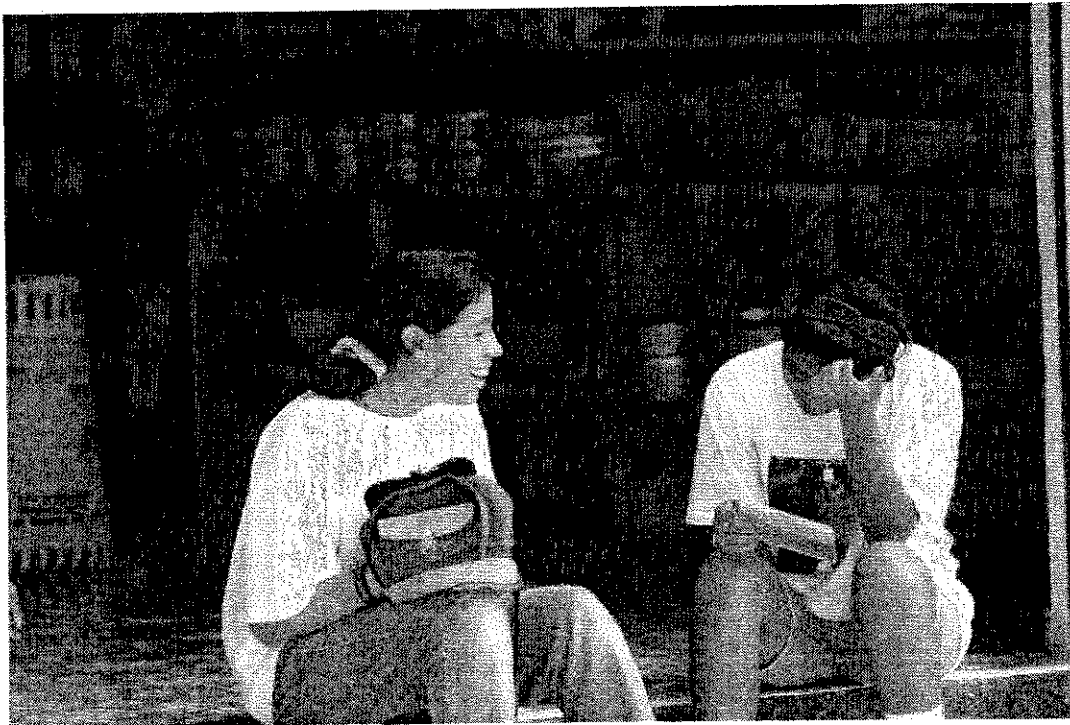
During the 2011 calendar year, the Bureau of Strategic Management (BSM), Bureau of Information Systems (BIS), Policy under the Bureau of Finance Administration (BFM) and Youth Development Services (YDS) completed the following:

- Policy and procedure related to ILP Services and Youth Transitioning to Independence was revised in 2011 and early 2012 to help ensure youth emancipate successfully and comply with Federal and State mandated requirements for transitioning.
- The DCFS 5204A form, which is used by CSWs and YDS to collect the data recorded in the State Exit Outcome Report (SOC 405E), was adjusted to accurately reflect in the Exit Outcome data reported to the State.
- BIS put in filters in the data collection system to prevent information from being erroneously entered in form areas where the State specifies data restrictions.
- BSM is finalizing a report that reflects CWS/CMS emancipating youth data criteria to match data collected over the year through the Exit Outcome Report allowing for more accurate alignment and reporting of exit outcome data.
- DCFS has included this measure as part of the System Improvement Plan as well as a Departmental Management Appraisal Performance Plan goal to improve on accuracy, timeliness and completion.
- Independent Living Program Coordinators and Social Workers at each office have increased efforts in collecting exit outcomes for youth aging out of foster care (via the 5204A) and reporting this information to the State (via the SOC 405E).
- The California Department of Social Services workgroup has revised the State of California, Exit Outcomes Report for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care to adhere to Assembly Bill 12 (AB12) and Assembly Bill 212 (AB212) legislation requirements related to Emancipating Youth and expects to have the newly revised form (SOC 405X) completed before the end of the first reporting quarter for 2012.

With the passage of AB 12 and AB 212, the Department will continue tracking exiting youth through the age of 21. Subsequent Exit Outcome information may initially drop due to youth remaining in care longer. However, data on youth aging out of Foster Care will increase with each reporting quarter. As such, the Department remains committed to improving Youth Exit Outcome data and California Child Welfare Outcomes and Accountability System performance measures overall.

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Emancipating Youth and SOC 405E Reports

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2010

Out of Foster Care

- For the year 2010, the number of supervised DCFS youth recorded in exit outcome system, who aged-out of Foster Care totaled 712. However, fourteen percent (14%) were recorded as-youth whose whereabouts are unknown and could not be contacted during the report quarter.

Part-A. Exit Outcomes for Youth Aging Out of Foster-Care					
Reporting Quarter	Number of Supervised Youth Aging out of Foster-Care	Youth whose whereabouts is unknown	Percentage	Youth who are Parenting	Percentage
1st	122	18	15%	18	15%
2nd	208	32	15%	27	13%
3rd	202	32	16%	21	10%
4th	180	16	9%	12	7%
Totals For Year	712	98	14%	78	11%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eleven percent (11%) of the youth reported being a custodial parent. Exiting Youth who are parenting is almost 3 times the teen birth rate for the County. Five (5) of the seventy-eight (78) parenting youth are male. One in five (20%) of parenting youth receive subsidized child care. 					

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2010 Quarter	Aging-out of Foster Care	Obtained Employment		No financial information is known		Applied for/or Receiving Public Assistance									
						SSI		CalWORKs		General Assistance/Relief		Food Stamps		TOTALS All Public Assistance	
1 st	122	39	32%	18	15%	18	15%	12	10%	9	7%	8	7%	47	39%
2 nd	208	55	26%	29	14%	33	16%	24	12%	32	15%	33	16%	122	59%
3 rd	202	58	29%	40	20%	33	16%	20	10%	12	6%	12	6%	77	38%
4 th	180	56	31%	26	14%	18	10%	15	8%	10	6%	11	6%	54	30%
2010 Totals	712	208	39%	113	16%	102	14%	71	10%	63	9%	64	9%	300	42%

Notes: Ten percent (10%) report having applied for, or receiving CalWORK's. CalWORKs recipients have the opportunity to participate in GAIN, a welfare-to-work program which includes transportation allowance, subsidized childcare as well as paid educational and vocational training services.

Part-C. Means of Financial Support (cont.)

2010 Quarter	Youth Aging out of Foster Care	Receiving-Applied: Chafee Ed. and Training Voucher		Receiving-Applied: Educational Scholarship-Financial Aid		Receiving-Applied: Temp. Fin. Asst. (ILP, Emancipated Youth...)		Families are or will contribute to their support	
1 st	122	29	24%	34	28%	11	9%	13	11%
2 nd	208	44	21%	44	21%	5	2%	36	17%
3 rd	202	55	27%	66	33%	15	7%	23	11%
4 th	180	65	36%	82	46%	25	14%	16	9%
2010 Totals	712	193	27%	226	32%	56	8%	88	12%

Notes:

Notable figures with regards to Foster Youth and their means of Financial Support

- Forty-two percent (42%) rely on public assistance for support.
- Sixty-one percent (61%) are unemployed which is almost twice the state's teen rate of 32%.
- Fifty-nine percent (59%) of youth are receiving or have applied for; an educational/training voucher or financial aid/educational scholarship.
- Twelve percent (12%) report that their families are or will be contributing to their financial support.

Part F. Independent Living Program (ILP) Services

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2010 Quarter	Youth Aging out of Foster Care	Receive ILP Services prior to exiting	Percentage
1st	122	96	79%
2nd	208	168	81%
3rd	202	162	80%
4th	180	164	91%
2010 Totals	712	590	83%
Note: Eighty-three percent (83%) received ILP Services prior to exiting.			

Part G. Permanency Connections

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2010 Quarter	Whereabouts are known during report period	Have a permanency connection to at least one adult	Percentage
1st	104	92	88%
2nd	176	168	95%
3rd	170	162	95%
4th	164	154	94%
2010 Totals	614	576	94%
Note: Ninety-four percent (94%) have a permanency connection to at least one adult.			

During the calendar year 2010, the Office of Strategy Management (OSM), Bureau of Information Systems (BIS), and Youth Development Services (YDS) completed the following:

- The DCFS 5204A form, which is used by CSWs and YDS to collect the data recorded in the State Exit Outcome SOC 405E report, was adjusted to reflect the exact wording and number of questions as the Exit Outcome report. (The DCFS form was missing one question).
- BIS put in filters in the data collection system, which prevents information from being erroneously entered in form areas where the State specifies data restrictions. Namely there are two form sections (D and G) which only gather data on those exiting youth that have been interviewed. Also sections D and G only allow one answer per youth so filters have been put into place to prevent additional entries.
- OSM completed a 2010 annual report that reflects data collected over the year and allows for consideration of areas of adjustment and celebration.